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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 3

Hospital Ration Charges for Patients - - - - - SECTION I  
Medicine Charges for Patients. - - - - - SECTION II

SECTION I. 1. Circular Letter No. 32, Off Ch Surg, subject: "Commutation of Rations, Subsistence Charges and Medicine Charges for Patients", 11 March 1944, is rescinded.

2. Reference is made to par 3, Sec II, Circular No. 125, Hq ETOUSA 27 December 1944, which is reproduced for your information and guidance.

"3. Discontinuance of Subsistence Charge for Patients Sick in Hospital."

a. Effective upon the receipt hereof, the heretofore prescribed subsistence charge of \$.20 per day (in addition to reimbursement for the cost of hospital rations), currently being collected by US Army hospitals in the United Kingdom from officer and warrant officer patients, and other patients having officer status, will be discontinued.

b. Money collected from officer patients, other than US Army commissioned and warrant officer patients (who will cause appropriate deductions to be made on their individual pay vouchers), and other patients having officer status, as reimbursement to the government for the cost of hospital rations, will not be placed in the hospital fund. It will be deposited with the local finance officer on QMC Form No. 389, "Report of Sales".

(AG 123 x 323.3 EdGA)"

3. The Hospital Ration is prescribed for patients in fixed US Army hospitals. It is not authorized for general dispensaries or for personnel operating hospital; Field Ration, Type "A" being issued therefor. The cost of the hospital ration is the same as the field ration for those not authorized subsistence at government expense. The hospital ration and field ration are issued to hospitals by Class I depots. Hospitals will accordingly submit two ration returns on OCQM Form No. 4, Hq SOS, ETOUSA; one for Field Ration Type "A" for hospital personnel, and one for Hospital Rations for patients, each plainly marked as such.

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4. US Army Commissioned and Warrant Officer patients will deduct the cost of rations consumed while in the hospital from their pay vouchers at the rate of 25 cents per meal or 75 cents per ration.

5. Officers and officer status personnel of the US Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Public Health Service who are patients in US Army Hospital will pay to the hospital mess officer the cost of the rations consumed at the rate of 25 cents per meal or 75 cents per ration. Such funds will be deposited with the local Finance Officer on QMC Form No. 389, "Report of Sales".

6. Personnel of other United Nations Armed Forces, including members of their Women's Auxiliary Services, who are patients in US Army Hospital, will not pay for rations consumed. Value of rations furnished however will be credited to the US under Lend-Lease. Reference is made to par 7b, Cir 96, Hq ETOUSA, 12 September 1944.

7. Field Directors and Welfare Workers who are members of the American Red Cross and civilians employed by the US Government (either officer or enlisted status) who are authorized medical care, will pay to the hospital mess officer the cost of rations consumed in accordance with the charges listed in par 5.

a. American civilian patients who are employees of aircraft companies (either officer or enlisted status), will pay to the hospital mess officer the cost of rations as listed in par 5.

b. American civilian patients, employees of the US Government, who have contracts which provide for medical care, will not be required to pay for rations consumed. Patients in this category must, however, show evidence from the commanding officer of the unit to which attached, that they are entitled to the above benefits.

c. Hospital Ration charges for War Department Civilian Employees of the Transportation Corps, will be handled in accordance with the provisions of par 2, Administrative Memorandum No. 113, Off Ch Surg, subject: "Hospitalization of WD Civilians, Transportation Corps. (TC)", 20 July 1944.

d. Allied Nations civilians admitted to US Army hospitals under emergency conditions will not pay cash for rations consumed; however, a Lend-Lease charge of 25 cents per meal or 75 cents per ration will be made against the Government of such personnel through monthly reports submitted by hospital mess officers to the appropriate Section Commander, Com Z, for forwarding to the Chief Quartermaster, Hq ETOUSA. Reference is made to par 7b, Cir

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96, Hq ETOUSA, 12 September 1944 and Cir 21, Hq Com Z, ETOUSA,  
1 October 1944.

8. American Merchant Seamen (Officer and enlisted status) patients in US Army Hospitals will not pay for rations consumed.

9. Prisoners of war will not pay for rations consumed.

SECTION III. Medicine Charges will not be collected in any case.

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